

## City of Eugene



# InMotion October 2012



Fall has officially arrived. We are experiencing wonderful weather so we hope you'll take a couple hours this weekend to get outside and enjoy Eugene! Take a walk, ride a bike or dust off those roller blades. No matter how you go...just make sure that you get out there and enjoy it while you can!

*InMotion is a monthly e-newsletter produced to help communicate with Eugene's biking and walking enthusiasts. Each month you will find information about upcoming local events and advocacy opportunities that pertain to all forms of active transportation. Please feel free to forward this great community resource to anyone you think might enjoy it.*

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## **MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT**

### **City of Eugene Celebrates the Last Breakfast at the Bridges – September 28**

When: Friday, September 28, 2012, 7 AM – 9:30 AM reoccurring event: every last Friday of the month through September

Where: 9/28/12 – Frohnmayer Bike & Pedestrian Bridge (formerly known as Autzen Bridge, South side)

Commuters traveling along the river path will be treated with a FREE breakfast of bagels & coffee, FREE bike bells, FREE bike safety checks provided by a local bike shop, bike registration and bike resources from the City of Eugene.

Breakfast at the Bridges is designed for path users and commuters to grab a quick bite to eat and a cup of coffee, meet City staff, learn more about transportation in Eugene, and get a bicycle safety check all at the same time.

This signature summer event series celebrates the outdoors and encourages active transportation – especially walking and bicycling – to meet larger City goals, including: healthy living, sustainability and a vibrant business community. Breakfast at the Bridges features local

advocacy organizations and local businesses who actively work toward these City goals. The event series is held the last Friday of every month, May – September.

*Sponsored by: Full City Coffee, Toby's Foods, & City of Eugene*

For more information, contact Lindsay Selser: 682-5094 or [lindsay.r.selser@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:lindsay.r.selser@ci.eugene.or.us)

Breakfast at the Bridges will be held the last Friday of every month through September:

September 28 – Frohnmayer Bridge (Formerly known as Autzen Footbridge) – Blue Heron

#### Northeast Eugene Livable Streets Meeting – October 2

City of Eugene is requesting funding from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to implement the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan (2012). This grant application would improve local transportation connections for walking and bicycling. The project area includes three neighborhoods in northeast Eugene (Cal Young Neighborhood Association, Harlow Neighbors, and Northeast Neighbors.)

In 2012, the Transportation Enhancements and OBPAC grants were combined into a two stage process. City of Eugene received notification on August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 that the Northeast Eugene Livable Streets application has advanced to Stage Two of the solicitation process. The completed application is due December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

*An open house community workshop will be held at 6:30pm on Tuesday, October 2nd, 2012 at the Sheldon Community Center to discuss preferences for bicycle and pedestrian improvements in northeast Eugene. Comments collected through the public process will be evaluated for inclusion in the grant application. Project types may include connecting the bicycle boulevard network (secondary streets with lower traffic volumes and speeds), pavement markings, wayfinding signs, and enhanced pedestrian crossings.*

For more information, or to submit comments, please contact Reed Dunbar, Associate Transportation Planner, at 541-682-5727 or [reed.c.dunbar@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:reed.c.dunbar@ci.eugene.or.us)

See the project website for additional information and updates at [www.eugene-or.gov/2012TEgrant](http://www.eugene-or.gov/2012TEgrant)

#### Amazon Active Transportation Corridor Meeting #2 – October 4

The City of Eugene is preparing an ODOT grant application for the Amazon Active Transportation Corridor. A neighborhood open house (Meeting 1) was attended by approximately 50 people on Tuesday, May 22nd at the Hilyard Center to discuss walking and biking improvements for E/W Amazon Drive (from Hilyard Street to Snell Street). Projects included extending the Amazon Path south to Tugman Park along Hilyard Street, installing additional pedestrian crossings of Amazon Creek, and developing a protected cycle track on East or West Amazon Drive. Since this meeting, repair of the Rexus Trail has also been added to the project list.

A second meeting has been announced for *Thursday, October 4th from 6:30 to 8pm at the Hilyard Center (Main Hall)*. The meeting will be used to reintroduce the grant funding opportunity, present the outcomes of Meeting 1, and discuss in small groups the details of

preferred facilities. The city is asking for input on bridge locations and preferences for bicycle facilities. Repair of the Rexius Trail will also be discussed during the meeting.

For more information, or to submit comments, please contact Reed Dunbar, Associate Transportation Planner, at 541-682-5727 or [reed.c.dunbar@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:reed.c.dunbar@ci.eugene.or.us)

See the project website for additional information and updates at [www.eugene-or.gov/activeamazon](http://www.eugene-or.gov/activeamazon)

### 10-Ride Ticket Books - Making Riding the Bus Even Easier!

Beginning Monday, October 1, the 10-Ride Ticket Books will officially go on sale at LTD's Customer Service Center at Eugene Station and all LTD sales outlets. The 10-Ride Ticket Books will provide a convenient option for those riders who occasionally utilize LTD's bus service for school, work commutes, or recreational destinations, but do not ride frequently enough to justify purchasing a one-month or three-month pass. The 10-Ride Ticket Books also will aid in easing the fare increase from \$1.50 to \$1.75 for a one-way cash fare that went into effect earlier this year.

The cost of the ticket books is \$16 for adults and \$8 for youth and half-fare program participants. Each ticket is good for one fare; two tickets are good for one Day Pass. The tickets are color coded (blue for adult and orange for half fare) and customers can slide dollar-shaped tickets into the farebox just like money, minimizing confusion and the need for driver handling.

The 10-Ride Ticket Book is a pilot project under the direction of the LTD Board, and LTD employees and customers have voiced support for this type of fare option. The pilot program will last for one year, culminating in a formal evaluation of the program that will be provided to the Board in Summer 2013. This will give the Board an opportunity to ensure that the program is the best product for LTD customers.

## **FEATURED NEWS**

### Eugene Bicycle Safety Education is looking for volunteers – October 9-15 & 31

It's that time of year again! School has started and we're very excited to have THREE fleets of bikes at work in 4J, Bethel, and Springfield school districts teaching our 10 hour Bike Safety Education curriculum. A very important part of that curriculum is the Neighborhood Ride that we take the kids on at the end of the course. We need volunteers from the community to help make these rides possible!

Please sign-up to volunteer your time teaching the next generation of cyclists:

<http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/692345634888400094>

We currently have shifts available Oct. 9-15th at Kelly Middle School, and Oct. 31st at Prairie Mountain. We'll be adding more shifts for Cal Young and Spencer Butte in the coming weeks.

Thanks for helping to build the next generation of cyclists! If you have questions please contact Colette Ramirez-Maddock at 541-682-6321 or [Colette.m.ramirez-maddock@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:Colette.m.ramirez-maddock@ci.eugene.or.us).

### The Eugene Police have a new “online” bike registration program

The Eugene Police Department has recently “updated” the bike registration program to make this service more user accessible. The Eugene Police Department has recently “updated” the bike registration program to make this service more user accessible. The bike registration program can now be accessed by going to the Eugene Police Department’s [website](#). On this page there is a link to the “online form”.

Please have all of the information about your bike available, this will expedite your completion of the form. You fill out this form and send it to us online. We look over the form and make contact with you if we have any questions. We run the serial number of the bike to confirm the bike has not been reported stolen. We enter the information you have sent us in our bike registration database. And finally, we send you a registration sticker to place on your bike. This is a very simple “user friendly” process that can be accessed at any time.

If you have any questions about the program, please contact Harlow Meno at 541-682-8332.

### Take the Drive Less Challenge!

**Point2point at Lane Transit District** invites you to join other Lane County commuters in driving less this fall by taking the Drive Less Challenge (September-November).

Each and every time you leave your car at home, you are saving money. There will be fewer trips to the gas station and less maintenance needed on your car. By sharing the ride, you will be helping to reduce congestion and improve the air quality in our community. And, commuters who use active modes of transportation are healthier and have lower stress levels!

It’s easy to participate. Just register online at ***DriveLessConnect.com*** and set up your profile. If you are already registered with Drive Less Connect, then you are ready to go!

Each time you bus, bike, walk, carpool/vanpool, or telecommute to work, simply log your trips in the Drive Less Connect trip calendar. That’s it! What could be easier?

Everyone who logs a minimum of 10 non-drive-alone commute trips will be automatically entered into weekly prize drawings! Prize drawings will be held each week beginning on Friday, September 14. The final prize drawing will be held on Friday, November 30.

All Lane County commuters are eligible to participate in the Drive Less Challenge!

If you have any questions about the Drive Less Challenge, contact Point2point at Lane Transit District at [point2point@ltd.org](mailto:point2point@ltd.org) or call 541-682-6183.

### **GET INVOLVED – Public Involvement Opportunities**

Public Hearing on Potential Area Active Transportation Projects – October 11

At the October 11 meeting of the Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC), the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will hold a public hearing on potential project applications for Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) funding in fiscal years 2016, 2017, and 2018. ODOT is soliciting applications for funding in those three years for “Enhance” projects, which are activities that enhance, expand, or improve the transportation system.

The following types of project are among those eligible for Enhance funds:

- Bicycle and/or Pedestrian facilities on or off the highway right-of-way
- Modernization projects (projects that add capacity to the system, primarily roadway projects)
- Right-of-Way purchases
- Public Transportation/Transit projects
- Safe Routes to School projects
- Transportation Demand Management projects

A new process is in place for this round of funding. The process is designed around first selecting the best projects and then creatively and flexibly applying available federal and state funds to deliver those projects. The purpose of this change is to respond to direction from the Oregon Transportation Commission and the Governor that ODOT strategically integrate programs and funding sources and become a truly multimodal transportation agency that delivers sustainable transportation solutions which address a variety of state and community needs and objectives.

The purpose of the October 11 public hearing is to solicit input on the broad list of potential projects that the jurisdictions in the Eugene-Springfield metropolitan area are considering submitting. The City of Eugene is considering applying for a few different projects including the [Active Amazon Corridor](#) in south Eugene and the Jessen Path in the Bethel neighborhood. The east-west Jessen Path would run along the south side of Golden Gardens Park and connect to the north-south Beltline share use path.

The MPC public hearing on October 11, 2012 will be held in the Library Meeting Room in the Springfield City Hall at 225 Fifth Street in Springfield. The meeting starts at 11:30 AM. For those not able to attend the hearing, a public comment period will be open from October 5 through November 4. For more information, and instructions on submitting comments, please visit [www.thempo.org](http://www.thempo.org) after October 5, or contact Paul Thompson at the Lane Council of Governments at 541-682-4405 or [pthompson@lcog.org](mailto:pthompson@lcog.org)

#### Eugene Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee – October 11

Thursday, September 13, 2012, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
Sloat Conference Room (Enter from the back alley off 10th Ave.),  
Atrium Building, 99 W. 10<sup>th</sup>, Eugene, OR 97401

Eugene's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) advises the City of Eugene Transportation Planning staff and community organizations and partners on implementation of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Strategic Plan, represents community and constituent interests in transportation planning decisions, and provides feedback to staff on projects relating to walking and bicycling. Guests and members of the public are always welcome to attend.

All BPAC meetings are open to the public; guests will be provided with opportunities to speak at the beginning of each meeting. The staff liaison to the BPAC is Lee Shoemaker, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator at (541) 682-5471.

### WE WANT YOU! – Regional Transportation Citizen Committee Seeking New Members



Recruitment is open until October 21, 2012, for the Citizen Advisory Committee that advises local elected officials on regional transportation planning issues.

An application and fact sheet in English and Spanish are available at <http://www.thempopo.org/committees/cac/index.cfm> or at Lane Council of Governments, 859 Willamette Street, Suite 500, Eugene, OR.

#### Applicant Qualifications

- Be able to attend monthly meetings held on the third Thursday from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at the Eugene Public Library
- Be willing to serve a 3-year term

The schedule calls for the Metropolitan Policy Committee to appoint new members on December 13, 2012, and for new members to attend their initial meeting on January 17, 2013.

Lane Council of Governments is the Metropolitan Planning Organization, the lead agency for regional transportation planning and distributing federal transportation dollars in the Central Lane County area. The Metropolitan Policy Committee, made up primarily of local elected officials, is the decision-making body for the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Questions? Please contact Kathi Wiederhold, lead staff to the committee at Lane Council of Governments, 541.682.4430 or [kwiederhold@lcoq.org](mailto:kwiederhold@lcoq.org).

### AREA EVENTS

#### Upcoming First Saturday Park Walks!! 9a.m.-11 a.m.

Explore the ecology and management of Eugene's beautiful parks. Naturalist from the Outdoor Program at the River House will lead these FREE interpretive walks.

For more information call: Phone: 541-682-5329

- Oct 6, Mt. Baldy;  
Meet at the parking lot off Dillard Road at Dillard East trailhead
- Nov 8, Whilamut Natural Area/Eastgate Woodlands;  
Meet in the Eastgate Woodlands parking lot, 512 Aspen Street, Springfield, OR

#### First Friday Outdoor Baby Walk and Talk – 9 AM – 10AM

Discover natural locations to take your baby for walks around Eugene while socializing with others and enjoying the great outdoors. Walk are on paved paths and will happen rain or shine. You may want to bring a stroller or other baby carrier. Free and no registration necessary. For more information, contact the City of Eugene River House Outdoor Program 541-682-5329.

- Oct. 5, Hendricks Park



- Nov. 2, Westmoreland Park (meet at the Boys and Girls Club)

#### Walking Groups – Fridays

Self-led groups walk 9-11 a.m. on Fridays from Campbell Center, 155 High St. . The Campbell group typically does 3-5 miles at a brisk pace and may stop for coffee along the way. The walk is drop in, no registration, and free. No walks when centers are closed. Call 541-682-5318 for information.

#### GEARs Bike Safety Class Schedule - September 29

The purpose of these classes is to provide an opportunity for people at all levels to learn more about bicycling - the laws that govern us in Oregon, the kinds of crashes that are the most common and how to avoid them, and ways to apply the principle "Bicyclists fare best when we act and are treated as drivers of vehicles."

#### *September 29th: Confident Cycling for Families Class* *Roosevelt Middle School, 9am-Noon*

Class attendees will not only learn about basic traffic skills but also learn how to perform a bicycle safety check, how to properly fit a helmet, how to size a bicycle for a child, and how to properly carry things on a bicycle. Information will also be provided about gear and clothing, proper lighting, use of lights, and locking a bike. Half the course will be conducted indoors and the last portion will be held in the parking lot with skills & drills before a final ride on neighborhood streets. This class is made for parents AND kids so all participants are asked to bring a bicycle and a helmet with them to class. Some reduced cost helmets will be available. Anyone requiring a loaner bicycle for the class is asked to state that in the comments section of the registration form. This class is geared towards children ages 5 – 13 and is free and open to all families but [registration is required](#).



VIEW FULL CLASS SCHEDULE HERE: <http://edu.eugenegears.org/classes>

#### Join Us for LCHAY's 5K Run/Walk – September 29

Saturday September 29th

Sacred Heart RiverBend Campus  
3333 RiverBend in Springfield

Don't miss out on the chance to combine fun and fitness this Saturday September 29th at LCHAY's 5K Run/Walk at RiverBend in Springfield.

[Register Today!](#)

Walk, run, stroll or skip your way along the beautiful 5K course which runs by the river and through the RiverBend Campus. The 5K starts at 9:30 am immediately following the free Kid's Fun Run (ages 10 and younger) at 9:00 am.

Check out the free Wellness Expo which will take place in the parking lot of on of our sponsor, Oregon Health and Vascular Institute, right next to the start and finish line of the 5K. The expo will feature vendor booths with products and information for getting and staying healthy as well as kid's activities and prize drawings.



September is Childhood Obesity Awareness Month and LCHAY is working harder than ever to help children and their families eat healthier food and get active. All proceeds from the 5K go to support LCHAY's programs.

Want to volunteer to help with the 5K? You can contact us [here](#).

Learn more about this fun event at our website: [www.lchay.org](http://www.lchay.org)

### Be smart, safe on Walk + Bike to School Day - October 3

More than 20 local schools are signed up to join international "Walk + Bike to School Day" on Oct. 3, and that could mean hundreds of extra young people striding, rolling and pedaling their way to and from school. The City of Eugene is encouraging motorists to continue being vigilant about safe driving in and around schools throughout the state. Students are also encouraged to be visible and follow the rules of the road.

According to the national Safe Routes to School program, walking, skating or bicycling to school helps students:

- Reach the recommended goal of 60 minutes of physical activity every day.
- Arrive at school energized and ready to learn.
- Reduce the family's fuel expenses.
- Take an active role in their well-being.

In 1969, about half of all students walked or bicycled to school. Today, fewer than 15 percent of all school trips are made by walking or bicycling, one-quarter are made on a school bus and more than half of all children arrive at school in private automobiles. According to the Federal Highway Administration, this decline in walking and bicycling has had an adverse effect on traffic congestion and air quality around schools, as well as on pedestrian and bicycle safety. However, with ongoing school and home discussions about being safe, students can safely enjoy their "commute" – and get a little exercise to boot! Here are some important reminders:

#### *Bicyclists*

- Always wear your helmet.
- Ride in the same direction as traffic, not against traffic.
- Stay alert and ride predictably. Don't assume motorists can see you.
- When you are in the street, you are required to follow the rules of the road just like a vehicle. If you are on the sidewalk, ride at walking speed and be prepared to walk your bike when there is congestion. It is recommended that you walk your bike in a crosswalk.
- Wear a bright shirt or jacket to increase visibility.

#### *Pedestrians*

- Be visible. Wear bright clothing, or add reflective material or a blinking light to your jacket or backpack.

- Before crossing a street, look “left-right-left” for traffic in all directions. Do not cross until vehicles in all lanes stop for you.
- Wait for a walk signal and a green light to tell you it’s your turn to cross the street. Look before you go to make sure drivers see you and have stopped. Continue looking for cars and bicycles as you cross.

*Motorists* are reminded to stop and stay stopped for pedestrians at intersections, whether the crosswalk is marked or not. In general it's good advice for everyone to be especially alert around schools -- no matter how you travel!

Springfield’s “Wheels by the Willamette” Event – October 3  
*October 3<sup>rd</sup> event will include free refreshments, safety gear and bike tune-ups*

What: “Wheels by the Willamette” is an event designed for bicycle path users and commuters on their ride home from work or during an afternoon ride on October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Bicyclists on the North Bank River path can stop by our station, rain or shine, to enjoy free refreshments, receive bike path information and safety gear from the City of Springfield and Point2Point Solutions. Hutch’s Bicycles store will provide a free bike tune-up station for the event.

Point2point Solutions, City of Springfield and Hutch’s Bicycles have all partnered together to host this event.

When: Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 from 3:30-5:30 pm.

Where: On the North Bank River path at West D Street Greenway on Aspen Street.

Cost: This event is free and open to the public

Additional Information: Contact David Reesor 541.726.4585

Decorate Bikes for Birthday Procession for Eugene’s 150<sup>th</sup> – October 20



Celebrate big for Eugene’s 150<sup>th</sup> birthday party on Oct. 20! Watch the dedication of Eugene’s newest cultural icon at 13th and Alder St. at 11:30 a.m. and then, participate in a bike/pedestrian procession to the birthday party in Skinner Butte Park. Make the event unmistakably “Eugene”, by wearing a costume and decorating your bike with bright colors, balloons, ribbons, etc.

The party will take place at Campbell Center in Skinner Butte park beginning at 1:15 p.m. Enjoy music by The Sugar Beets, Fred Crafts’ Radio Redux performance of “You are There, the Founding of Eugene”, the Passport to History prize drawing and, of course, singing Happy Birthday and eating cake!

## The Great Big Pumpkin Ride - Kidical Mass – October 20

### **The Great Big Pumpkin Ride**

Celebrate Eugene's 150th Birthday AND carve some pumpkins!

Our annual Pumpkin Ride will have two special parts to it this year. Check out the schedule and information below to find out more and join us for all or part of the event:

**Noon-** Meet us at 13th & Alder for a special unveiling of an exciting **new public art** piece. The giant blue heron, made out of recycled materials, including bicycle parts, will stand watching over this major active transportation intersection.

**12:45 PM-** Join the ride to the Campbell Center in Skinner Butte park where the **150th birthday party for the City of Eugene** will be taking place. Enjoy music by The Sugar Beets, Fred Crafts' Radio Redux performance of "You are There, the Founding of Eugene", the Passport to History prize drawing and, of course, singing Happy Birthday and eating cake!

**2:00 PM-** Ride from the Party to the Corner Market (corner of River Rd. & Thomason Ln) where we'll be **carving pumpkins!** We'll have a couple dozen free pumpkins to give away along the ride (actually tickets that you redeem) for best dressed bikes, super spirit, cool costumes, and other randomly selected categories. Be sure and bring a few dollars to buy some extra pumpkins to carve too!

Other things to know:

- Meet us at any point to join in the fun and peel off whenever you need to, it should be a super fun day!!
- Make the event unmistakably "Eugene", by wearing a costume and decorating your bike with bright colors, balloons, ribbons, etc.
- Be sure and pack a lunch or eat right before you meet us if you're going to do the whole afternoon. We will probably have time to eat at the party.

Check out [the website](#) and be to join the [E-news monthly alert](#) to find out about each month's ride.

### UO Bike School - Mondays or Tuesdays in October

Learn the joy of do-it-yourself bike maintenance with experienced mechanics in our professional workspace at the Outdoor Program Barn. Find out how to fix your bike and keep it running smoothly. You'll learn it ALL during this 7 part series! Pre-register and pay at the OP Office, or call and pay over the phone: 541-346-4365. \$65.

Dates:

We offer our 6-part series twice a week, so pick the day that fits your schedule best.

Monday: October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov 5

Tuesday: October: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Nov 6

Topics covered:

- Flat fixing and preventative maintenance

- Bike cleaning
- Shifting/derailleur adjustment
- Chain
- Brakes
- Cables and housing
- Hubs and bearings
- Free day for other topics

Cost: \$65

Location: Outdoor Program Barn (1225 E 18 Ave)

CAT's Community Class Site: <http://www.catoregon.org/education/community-classes/> -

Bike Maintenance Class Fix Up Your Bike! Bring in your bicycle as we cover all the basics of bike repair. Our professional mechanic staff will answer individual questions over the course of this 3-session class. During the class enjoy a great discount on new parts for your favorite ride! We have weeknight and weekend sessions available, each with 3 consecutive sessions . There is a maximum of 5 students per class, so register early! Weeknights Mon, Tues, Weds 6:30 – 9:00 pm (7.5 hours) \$45 Weekend First 3 Saturdays of the month 9am -12:00 pm (9 hours) \$50

Sewing Classes Learn to Sew! Take advantage of the Human Powered Machines industrial sewing shop with instruction from our own professional seamstress. We have a two-part series of classes, each with 3 consecutive sessions. There is a maximum of 3 students per session. Beginner Sat, 9am-12pm (9 hours) \$50 Learn basic sewing skills and make a drawstring bag to take home! Bags are made from all organic materials, and are great for carrying veggies around. Intermediate Sat, 1pm-4pm (9 hours) \$60 Upon completion of the beginner course, learn how to use an industrial sewing machine and serger. Sew a waxed canvas roll-top backpack to take home!

Wheel Building Learn how to build wheels! We will provide a loaner wheel for your first time and you are welcome to bring your bike in for truing and tensioning. During the class receive a 10% discount on parts to build your dream wheelset in the Eugene Bicycle Works! The class has 2 consecutive sessions on a Tuesday night and Saturday morning. There is a maximum of 3 students per session. 1st Class Tues, 6:30-9pm 2nd Class Sat, 1-4pm \$45

## **CONSTRUCTION UPDATES**

### **Detour Routes Offer Options to Cyclists While 12<sup>th</sup> Alley is Closed**

The alley connecting West 12th Avenue between Olive to Willamette streets has been closed while work proceeds with the Capstone housing project on the previous PeaceHealth clinic site.

Working with the City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, City staff has identified several detour options for cyclists and pedestrians who travel through the area. A map showing the detour routes can be viewed at [www.eugene-or.gov/bicycles](http://www.eugene-or.gov/bicycles).

The closure is anticipated to last through the summer of 2013 as the new buildings and a new bicycle and pedestrian accessway are constructed. The existing public alley between Olive and Willamette streets had been heavily used by bicycles and pedestrians. The former West 12th Avenue right-of-way had an angled alignment and an uneven width. The redeveloped site will include a new, dedicated 20-foot-wide public accessway for bicycles and pedestrians located between Olive and Willamette streets.

The alley reconstruction benefits bicycles and pedestrians by providing a straighter alignment and enhanced crossings on Willamette and Olive streets. In addition, automobiles will be prohibited in the rededicated alley. To increase the safety and operation of the 12th Avenue active transportation corridor, the developer will install new amenities on Olive and Willamette streets, including:

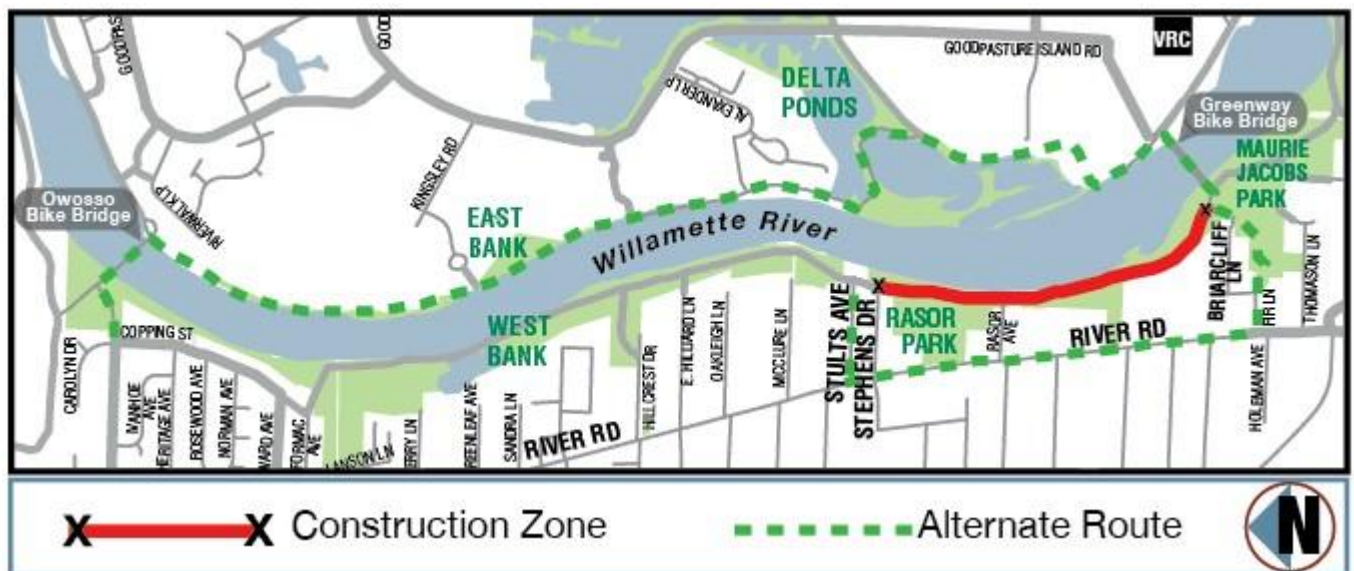
- a bicycle crossing island at the intersection of West 12th Avenue and Olive Street that prohibits left turns for automobiles; and
- a replacement crosswalk on Willamette Street that aligns the bicycle connection through the site with the existing bicycle way east of Willamette Street along with another crossing island.

The new right-of-way dedication and related public improvements were a condition of approval for development of the site. More information and images of the proposed accessway are available on the City's website at [www.eugene-or.gov/downtowncapstone](http://www.eugene-or.gov/downtowncapstone).

#### West Bank Path Repairs (Greenway Bridge to Stephens Drive)

Begins August 27<sup>th</sup>. Watch for detour signage on the pathway system.

The existing asphalt path will be replaced with concrete surface, mostly overlaid and some concrete path at the south end of the project in Maurie Jacobs will be replaced. Primary source of funding for the estimated \$350,000 project is the 2008 voter-approved bond measure to fix streets and bike paths.



## Road Construction Traffic Advisories

- Check the [PW Projects](#) site for the latest information on road work in the Eugene area.
- Go to [www.KeepUsMoving.info](http://www.KeepUsMoving.info) for regional project reports, including City of Eugene, ODOT and other agencies
- For the most current updates, go to [www.twitter.com/EugenePW](https://www.twitter.com/EugenePW)



## How to Report Maintenance Issues for City Facilities

Glass on the path, leaves in the bike lane, or bushes overhanging the sidewalk? Report it to the City of Eugene!

Here are three options for reporting maintenance issues in bike lanes, on multi-use paths, sidewalks. You can use the first two to report any other issues in city right of way or parks:

1. Call 541-682-4800 during business hours.
2. Send an email to: [pwmaintenance@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:pwmaintenance@ci.eugene.or.us)
3. Go to the City website and report on the [Maintenance page](#).

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## **CITY RESOURCES**

### Report a Pothole Program

It's easy to report a pothole to the Eugene Public Works Maintenance Division! There is even a handy online pothole reporting form available at [www.eugene-or.gov/pothole](http://www.eugene-or.gov/pothole)! The form will ask for some brief information about the pothole, including its location (if on the path, try to give as much location info as possible). There's also a place for you to provide your contact information. If you would prefer, you can call Public Works Maintenance at 541-682-4800 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and file the report over the phone.

If you'd like to follow up with the City after making a pothole request, just send an email to [pwmaintenance@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:pwmaintenance@ci.eugene.or.us) with the word "pothole" in the subject line.

(Please remember that Eugene Public Works only repairs potholes on streets/paths in the city of Eugene. We will make a field inspection of every reported pothole within two business days. In many cases we will immediately fill the pothole; however, in some cases we may choose to wait to schedule an alternate treatment such as maintenance overlay. FMI: go to [www.eugene-or.gov/pothole](http://www.eugene-or.gov/pothole))

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## **COMMUNITY RESOURCES**



### Water Bottles to Benefit the Jane Higdon Foundation

Honorary water bottles are being sold, with all proceeds going to help support the Jane Higdon Memorial Fund. The water bottles are \$5.00 and being sold at Newman's Fish Co. at 1545 Willamette Street, Eugene. Jane was an avid cyclist. She wanted to make a difference in the world and focused on ways to make her life more meaningful. She was tragically killed in 2006, when she was struck by a truck while on a bicycle training ride on a beautiful Oregon rural road.

The Memorial Fund supports scholarships and grants to encourage girls and young women to pursue healthy, active lifestyles and academic excellence. The Memorial Fund also makes donations to non-profits that advocate and work for bicycling and pedestrian safety in Oregon. Additional information can be found at: [www.janehigdonfoundation.com](http://www.janehigdonfoundation.com)

### Don't Forget to Purchase Your "Share the Road" License Plates



Oregon residents can help support cycling throughout Oregon by purchasing "Share the Road" license plates from the Oregon State Department of Motor Vehicles. Proceeds go to the [Bicycle Transportation Alliance](#) and [Cycle Oregon](#) to help fund bicycle education and advocacy.

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/DMV/vehicle/platenonprof.shtml#share>

### GOVERNMENT

[Point2Point Solutions](#) promotes and offers transportation options programs to the Lane County region's businesses, organizations, and educational institutions for their employees, staff and students. It is supported by Lane County's jurisdictions and is housed at Lane Transit District. <http://www.ltd.org/cs/csindex.html>

[www.eugene-or.gov/bicycles](http://www.eugene-or.gov/bicycles) the City of Eugene website contains bike maps and resources for biking in Eugene.

[www.keepusmoving.info](http://www.keepusmoving.info) This site is user friendly and contains regional information about the transportation planning process, current projects, and information about transportation options. The site is maintained by the Lane Council of Governments.

The [Oregon Department of Transportation](#) (ODOT) website includes links to the [Oregon Bicycle Manual](#) and information on laws and regulations and a list of [bike travel web resources](#).

Smart Ways to School ([www.swts.ltd.org](http://www.swts.ltd.org)) offers free services to parents of K-12 students to help them walk, bike, carpool, or ride LTD to school. We offer a SchoolPool, a free carpool-match service. We can help parents find other students to form a walking or bicycling "school bus." Smart Ways to School also manages the free LTD pass program for students in grades 6-12. Call 682-6212.

UO Bike Program now offers bicycle maintenance classes every term. Call 541-346-4365 or come into the [Outdoor Program](#) office in the basement of the EMU to register.

The [U of O Department of Public Safety](#) strongly encourages bicycling as a way of responsible transportation. With Oregon weather, bicycling in winter months can be discouraging and challenging for those that may not have the proper riding gear. You'll find information in this site about the availability of covered parking, safety recommendations, and a listing of local shops where you may purchase adequate gear for the conditions.

The [Eugene Transportation System Plan website](#) has been updated to include survey questions. A webcast of the transportation plan overview given to the City Council on April 18<sup>th</sup> is available [here](#). An overview will also be given to the Planning Commission at their May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, beginning at 11:30AM in the McNutt Room at City Hall.

[Lane Council of Governments](#) is the Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization, the lead agency for regional transportation planning and distributing federal transportation dollars for the central Lane County area. It serves as a forum for cooperative transportation decision making within the region. The website has information about opportunities for public comment, news and events, meetings, and transportation plans and programs. <http://www.themppo.org/>

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#### COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

The Bicycle [Transportation Alliance \(BTA\)](#) is a statewide organization that works to promote bicycle use and safety and to improve bicycling conditions throughout the state of Oregon. In the Eugene/Springfield area, the BTA's Bicycle Safety program brings safety education to middle schools every year. For more information, go to [www.bta4bikes.org](http://www.bta4bikes.org).

[BikeLane Coalition](#) is a local non-profit organization that promotes safe cycling in Lane County. Membership opportunities include the Corporate Membership option: web page for the company, commuting assistance and route planning; and the Premium Membership option that includes membership in the League of American Bicyclists, The League Magazine, Bicycle Magazine, Roadside assistance and the usual benefits of membership such as discounts at participating bike shops. A discount is offered for those already members of other local cycling organizations. For more information go to [www.bikelanecoalition.org](http://www.bikelanecoalition.org)

[Center for Appropriate Transport \(CAT\)](#) is a non-profit organization committed to community involvement in manufacturing, using, and advocating sustainable modes of transportation. The first organization of its kind, the Center was founded in Eugene, Oregon in the fall of 1992. Since that time the CAT has established a number of projects under one roof designed to further this mission including Pedalers Express delivery service, education and youth programs, Eugene Bicycle Works community bike shop, and more. CAT has also established an apprenticeship program that focuses on cargo bike frame building. For more information, go to [www.catoregon.org](http://www.catoregon.org)

[Eugene-Springfield Mossback Volkssport Club](#) - Volkssports, literally "popular" or "folk" sports, are organized walking, swimming, bicycling, roller skating, and cross-country skiing events providing exercise that contributes to physical fitness. The Mossback Club usually meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Willamalane Senior Adult Activity Center, 215 West C Street, Springfield. Please call 726-7169 or 747-6470, to verify meeting location. Club

events are listed and described at their website, [www.mossbacks.org](http://www.mossbacks.org). For more information contact Carmella at [mossbackclub@comcast.net](mailto:mossbackclub@comcast.net).

[GEARS \(Greater Eugene Area Riders\)](#) invites the community to join club members on [several weekly bike rides](#). Rides vary in location, distance, and terrain. The main purpose of GEARS is to foster bike riding. All cyclists must wear an ANSI or SNEL/ASTM approved helmet. Riders should also carry a water bottle, tire pump, spare tube and patch kit.

Everyone is welcome to attend Eugene GEARS Board Meetings. For more information or times and location go to [www.eugenegears.org/](http://www.eugenegears.org/)

The Eugene Safe Routes to School Program is a community approach to encourage and enable more people to walk and bike to school safely. We support schools and families in their efforts to increase active transportation choices by supporting individual SRTS committees, growing bicycle and pedestrian education for adults and children, and working to establish policies that encourage healthy, fun, and safe transportation choices.

For more information contact Shane Rhodes at [rhodes\\_sh@4j.lane.edu](mailto:rhodes_sh@4j.lane.edu) or 541-556-3553

Nordic Walkers: For more information on Nordic Walking classes and lesson costs contact Barbara or Dan Gleason: 345-0450 or 345-3974 or email them at [nordicwalkerbg@comcast.net](mailto:nordicwalkerbg@comcast.net)

#### COMMUNITY BIKE BLOGS

[www.eugenecycles.com](http://www.eugenecycles.com)

[www.webikeeeugene.org](http://www.webikeeeugene.org)

[www.eugenebicyclist.com](http://www.eugenebicyclist.com)

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#### BUSINESS PARTNERS:

[Walk a Smile In](#): Step up, step out, step forward! Avid longtime walker/retired nurse walks one-on-one with clients to support improving personal and planetary fitness. Call or email for details, charges, appointment. Gift certificates available. Call or email Jenny at 541-343-6049, [walkasmilein@gmail.com](mailto:walkasmilein@gmail.com).

The [Eugene Running Company](#) offers a diverse series of walking and running groups for people of all levels from beginner to the hard-core. All groups and training are lead in a fun and supportive atmosphere. For more information on dates and times go to [www.eugenerunningcompany.com](http://www.eugenerunningcompany.com)

Second Summer Tours is a group led by Rob Templin, a local rider in Eugene. Join Rob and friends as he shares some of the 'secret' paths that will challenge you with tough climbs but reward you with deserted, traffic-free riding; and scenery to take your breath away. Tours are based out of Eugene. For more information go to: <http://www.secondsummertours.com/oregon.php>

Spirited Walkers Group Joining the Spirited Walkers marathon training group is a wonderful way to start the new year by making commitment to becoming more healthy and active, whether you actually want to walk a marathon or not. Registered walkers meet once a month for a sit down meeting of guest speakers who cover information about yoga for walkers, nutrition, hydration, clothes, shoes, and mental training techniques. There is a large group walking every

Sunday. Beginning and intermediate mileage schedules are available. If you are interested, please contact Kay Porter at 342-6875 or email [kayporter1@comcast.net](mailto:kayporter1@comcast.net) , or go to [www.thementalathlete.com](http://www.thementalathlete.com) for more information on times and cost.

Walk With Me! Walk the World with Tyler Burgess, fitness walking instructor and marathon walking coach for the University of Oregon and Lane Community College in Eugene, Oregon. Tyler walks to see the world, whether it is a big city, foreign country or our own backyard. Free walking tours take place on Tuesday nights from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Meet at the end of High Street by the Campbell Senior Center. It is free, fun, and for beginners. For more information go to [www.walk-with-me.com](http://www.walk-with-me.com)

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